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MACHINE SHED REUNION 17

August 23-24, 2019

*We Remember
We Celebrate
We Believe*

A Good Friend to All

Dick Konkel

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MSR 17 Plans Announced Mark Your Calendar & RSVP



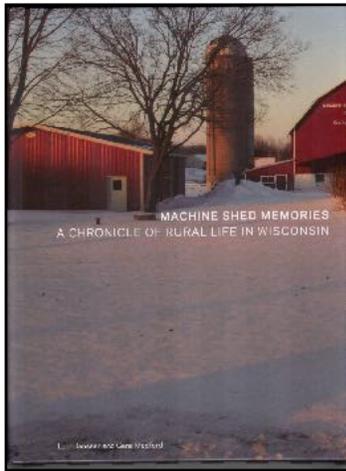
Friday August 23rd

- 530 pm-7 pm Pie & Ice Cream Social
- 7-9 pm Paul Family Blue Grass Band



Saturday August 24th

- 1030 am Set up Antiques
- 11 am View antiques
- 12 n Lunch
- 1 pm Program
- 230 pm Threshing (weather and grain permitting)



Learn About the Families of Couillardville

MACHINE SHED MEMORIES - A Chronicle of Rural Life in Wisconsin is based upon the memories of the families of Couillardville. The book is available for purchase at www.machineshedmemories.com for \$29.95.

Other Couillardville related books are available at www.lulu.com. Search on Couillardville. Titles include Joseph and Julia Jacquart Family, 1928 by Mary Ann Couillard, The Norbert and Grace Carey Family, the Sam and Matilda Couillard Family. Printed books are \$9.95 each and the e-book versions are \$3.99 each. Contact Leon Janssen if you have questions at leonpjanssen@yahoo.com or 262.442.6447.

Matravers Family to be the "Featured Family" June 9 on the FOC Oconto Copperfest Parade Float 2019



| Brick Size | Regular \$ | Special \$ | Savings \$ |
|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 4X8 | \$150 | \$125 | \$25 |
| 8X8 | \$250 | \$175 | \$75 |

Contact John Matravers if you have questions or would like to place a manual order rather than on line.

matraversjohn@gmail.com or 920-604-3060

Work together with friends and family to honor someone who made Couillardville special for you. If you have already purchased a brick, encourage others to join you in this memorial.

Summer Couillardville Pride Wear

Order the latest version of the Couillardville t-shirt for someone special in your family. Send a check for \$14 (includes tax and shipping & handling) with size and style for each t-shirt to MBF Publishing LLC, 821 Lynnewood Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188



Women sizes- M - L - XL

Men sizes- Youth - M - L - XL

RURAL LIFE CENTER

@Meadow Brook Farm - Couillardville

Creating a New Education Focus

Over the past 18 years, the celebrations of rural life in Couillardville have grown from a neighborhood gathering and meal-sharing in the new machine shed on Meadow Brook Farm to video interviews about family, school, and farm community history. The interviews and family histories were shared in the annual Machine Shed Reunions, in individual family books, and in *MACHINE SHED MEMORIES a Chronicle of Rural Life in Wisconsin*. In recent years the efforts have extended to threshing, participation in the Copperfest Parade, and the beginning of a static display of antique tools on the farm. All of these efforts have been focused on preserving and celebrating rural life.

This year we are very excited to announce a significant new initiative to create and provide educational programs and outreach on historic rural life to a range of audiences from pre-school and school age, to adults and seniors in senior



in senior care facilities. We are especially pleased to announce that Lara Nichols has volunteered to lead this important new work.

Lara grew up on the family farm of her parents, Lyle and Diane Nichols, where she became well recognized driving the family's beautiful team of draft horses. She brings a strong professional education and volunteer background to this new role. In commenting on her new leadership role with the Meadow Brook Farm Rural Life Center, Nichols said, "I am very excited to bring the people of the area, and beyond, young and old, to see and experience life as it used to be in a rural community."

Volunteers Are Vital

Volunteers have rallied to support the activities of the Families of Couillardville over the past sixteen Machine Shed Reunions.

Volunteers will also fulfill a vital role in the future of the Rural Life Center at Meadow Brook Farm in Couillardville. Many of the neighbors and former neighbors have already volunteered to help in creating the future. Some are limited in time at this time but are already planning to participate more as they retire.

We are especially grateful for those who have already committed to take on a leadership role:

Current Leaders

Couillardville Park - John Matravers

Education - Lara Nichols

Pie & Ice Cream Social - Lynnee Schmidt Valley

Threshing - Mike Donlevy

Please contact any of these leaders or Leon directly if you have interest in volunteering.

Helen Jacquart Roznowski remembers Belgian Ancestry

Vintage Cast Iron Waffle Maker

This vintage waffle iron was made in Detroit, Michigan in 1896. Limited number were made with this very unique design called Hand of Cards. The pattern is Spades, Clubs (Stars), Diamonds and Hearts. The waffle iron was likely given to my Grandparents Joseph and Julia Jacquart on the occasion of their 10th anniversary. I remember my mother Margaret making waffles with it on the old wood stove. I have preserved it by oiling it and it looks like new. Detroit Cast Iron and Steel Company still makes similar ones with many other cast iron items. I went on line to research it. The company sells used items after they clean and preserve them.



By: Helen
Jacquart
Roznowski

Bring Antiques Tools and Equipment to MSR 17

This Year Especially Antique Household Items

Last year we invited attendees to bring an antique tool or piece of equipment to display. Helen Roznowski has inspired interest in household items with her Belgian waffle iron.

This year please also consider digging out and bringing a family favorite household antique.

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To Do List

1. Select Antique Tool or Implement

2. Notify Lara Nichols of your plan by July 31st, include item description, photo and family story of the item.

3. Let Lara know if you have special display requirements at lara.nichols@oconto.k12.wi.us or 920-373-5528.

90 Years Ago

**From Mary Ann Matravers Couillard's
Diary "1928" - available on lulu.com both
in print and electronic versions.**

Saturday, April 7th, 1928

Cooler and froze some over night

Roy, Nell & I went to Zora's in the lumber wagon. Roads bad. Commenced snowing when we got there. Got word fertilizer was at the crossing. Helen was home had a good dinner. Told us of Jack Thiede's luck with TB test. Lost 11 cows & Brandus 2 cows and his sire.